

Around Pattishall

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December 2017 - February 2018

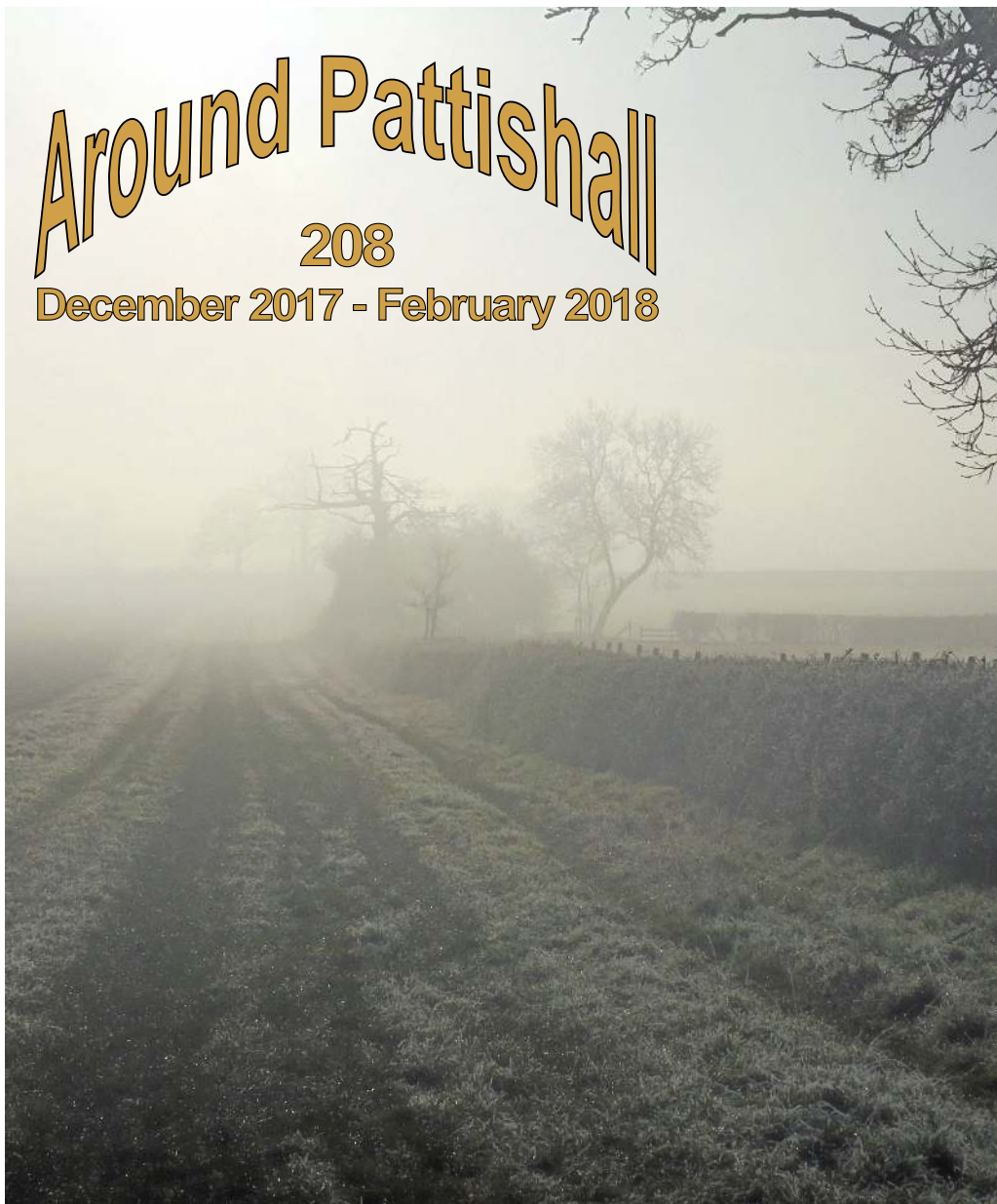


Photo John & Val Stephenson, fields East of Astcote, December 2016

Final copy date for the March-April 2018 newsletter is 10th February. Copy should be sent to Andy Stewart, The Old Farmhouse, 13 High Street, Astcote (email ap@stewarts.me.uk, tel: 830042), or given to Janet Taylor, Dalscote. (Please use email if possible.)

Pattishall Parish Council undertakes the production of the newsletter, it does not take responsibility for the accuracy of articles. Any views or opinions expressed are those of the author in each case.

Would you like to see your photograph or artwork on the cover of the next Around Pattishall? If so, please email. It should be something with a local & seasonal flavour.

Pattishall & District Produce Show Winter Update

Start planning now for the art, photography and handicrafts sections!

With long winter nights well and truly here, now is a great time to start thinking ahead to the 2018 Show, which will take place Sunday 9th September 2018.

The committee have been putting their thinking caps on and coming up with ideas we hope will interest people of all ages and bring out the creativity in our parish. Remember, children and young people can enter ANY section of the show – let's see entries from ALL AGES across next year's show!

So let your imagination run wild and put your talents to good use. What art media will you choose? Traditional oils, acrylic, watercolours or drawing media? Or more contemporary collage, montage, assemblage? Perhaps a mixture? How about a family challenge to create the best 'art on a postcard'?

Within the handicrafts section we've kept the old favourites and added a new – calling all wood carvers and turners and metal workers – what will you make for your handmade wood or metal item?

Finally, photography – this year we have expanded the subjects and added a 'black & white' category – get snapping with those camera phones!

SECTION H: ART

- Image of an animal (any media)
- A building/s (any media)
- A landscape (any media)
- Art on a postcard (any subject / any media; max size 4"x6")
- A decorated wooden spoon

SECTION J: HANDICRAFTS

- Handmade card
- Tapestry or cross-stitch item
- Hand knitted, crocheted or woven article
- Patchwork or quilted item
- Handmade soft toy
- Handmade item of wood or metal

SECTION K: PHOTOGRAPHY

- Max. 6"x8", incl. mount
- Animal or animals
- Flowers, flora, or foliage
- Person, people, or portrait
- Weather
- Vehicles
- Black & white (any subject)

(Remember to mount all photos so that they are not damaged when displayed. Photographs of children MUST have parents' permission.)

For further info contact Barry sadner@aol.com





Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is on 6th December when we will have a quiz followed by mince pies and mulled wine. There will be no meeting in January so the first meeting of 2018 will be on 7th February when Peter Ballantine is coming to tell us about the work of the Woodland Trust.

If you have not come to our meetings before why not resolve to join us in the new year. Membership fees for 2018 are due in February and will remain at £6 per person. The programme for 2018 is almost complete and we have managed to book some interesting speakers. Details will be available soon.

Christine Russell, Secretary 830012



Bus Service threatened again!

As you may be aware, Northampton County Council are needing to save money and as a result are proposing to cut subsidies on certain bus routes, including our No. 87. This service continues to be used increasingly and with an ageing population more people may find themselves unable to drive and therefore relying on the bus service. Those at work or college also rely on the bus service. It is important that we make our voice heard and I urge you to write to or email Roger Clarke our District Councillor and Andrea Leadsom our MP to stress how important the service is to this rural community and that funding should not be cut. I have already asked the Parish Council to make representations on our behalf, but the more letters and emails that are sent, the higher the profile of our request.

Please email or write:

Andrea Leadsom M.P, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk

Roger Clarke, Bramleys, 30 Malus Field, Pattishall, Towcester, NN12 8LF
roger.clarke@southnorthants.gov.uk

You could send the same letter or email to both.

Thank you for your support. Your letter or email will make all the difference.

Ann Atkin, Pattishall Parish Bus User Group
ann.atkin51@btinternet.com 830907

Christmas Post for Senior Citizens in Pattishall Parish



The Christmas Postal Service in the Parish has been organised by Holy Cross Church for the last few years, but this year Pattishall Scout Group have offered to take it back on as part of their Challenge Badge Scheme.

The service is free for Senior Citizens living in the villages of Pattishall, Eastcote, Astcote, Dalscote, Cold Higham and Grimscote. Others are welcome to use it for a donation.

Christmas cards for delivery within the Parish may be 'posted' at the collection points listed below. The last day for collection is Friday 15th Dec and the cards will be delivered as soon as possible after that date.

Please write the full name and address on the envelopes.

The collection points are:

10 Hodge Close, Astcote

59 Leys Road, Pattishall

8 Gayton Road, Eastcote (black box on side of house by garage)

There will also be the Post Box at the Senior Citizens Lunch on Sat 2nd Dec.

Thank you for your support
Barbara Parkinson

Pattishall School Update

I can't believe that in a few short weeks the Winter term will be over and we shall be looking forward to the Spring term – where has the time gone? In a way, I'm not surprised as we have been so busy with all the achievements, events and activities that have been happening here at school.



The Great Pattishall Bake Off to support Macmillan was a superb success, raising over £50 and Miles Kilby achieved 'Star Baker'. The fantastic M&M Productions performed a version of 'The Hobbit' in school. All were transfixed and gained so much from the theatrical experience.

The Armistice Service at Holy Cross Church on the 10th November was well lead by our wonderful Student Council and it was really encouraging to see so many parents there too.

Our Open Afternoon on the 20th November saw many potential new parents coming to visit in anticipation of the next school year intake. We do have various spaces in other year groups too, so please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Year 6 had a brilliant day at The Saints with Northamptonshire Police, they learnt so much about citizenship and staying safe. We ran our 'Blue Butterfly' day on the 29th November which covered the importance of internet safety. This will tie in nicely with Safer Internet Day on the 2nd February 2018.

As I am sure you can imagine December is our busiest time of year and this year is no different. Reception, Year's 1 and 2 will be performing in our annual Christmas show entitled 'Midwife Crisis'. The shows will be held on 13th December at 2pm and 14th December at 6pm. A fun, festive day is planned on 19th December; including Carols in the playground, our new Winter festival and Christingle service at Holy Cross to finish. Please do come along and support us. Finally, on our last day of term (20th) the whole school is off to the Deco theatre to watch Peter Pan in panto. Oh no we're not, oh yes, we are.

The Spring term will include new topic work for Key Stage 1 'From Fork to Field', and 'Amazing Places and Spaces' for Key Stage 2, World Book Day and a Mother's Day tea party too. Lots to get excited about!

We are always looking for more reading volunteers so please contact us if you can spare some time to listen to our pupils.

We have a current vacancy for a caretaker/handyperson. This position might suit a local person with some spare time and would be contracted for 3 hours per week. The hours can be flexible including outside school hours. There would also be some overtime available and the duties would include regular maintenance checks and other odd jobs. The successful application will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Please contact the school office if you think you could be the right person for the position.

Please don't forget to visit our Facebook and Twitter pages for all the latest school news and updates.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, children, governors and myself I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year in 2018. Until next time.

Mrs Emma McLean, Head Teacher, Pattishall CE Primary School

In memory of Elaine Kirton

Peggy and Janet wish to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support in their sad loss of Elaine.



Campion School

Care, commitment and community have been key themes of our first term at Campion. Our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team organised a superb Macmillan Bake Off with more than 40 entries. The sale of the cakes after judging, raised well over £300 to support the Charity.

In October we welcomed students and their guests to our annual Key Stage 4 Awards Evening. These awards recognised the outstanding commitment made by each award winner during 2016-17 in a wide range of academic and non-academic fields.

More than 300 people attended our Year 5/6 Open Evening. Our guests enjoyed a wide range of exciting experiences including scientific experiments, popcorn poetry and some pancake making (and tasting!) too.

Two groups of year 7 students headed off to Staffordshire for a weekend residential experience. Abseiling, rock climbing, problem solving, zip wiring and caving are just a few of the activities both staff and students took part in. The students had a fabulous time (and not much sleep!).

Many students enjoyed a wide range of experiences including Barcelona, Cologne and St Omer in France. In addition our World Challenge students were in Snowdonia preparing for their summer visit to India (Ladakh region). It speaks volumes about the commitment of Campion colleagues that they are willing to give their weekends and time during school holidays to provide such wonderful opportunities.

Our S.T.O.P anti-bullying campaign involved all students in a programme of events during national anti-bullying week in November. We continue to remind all students about the importance of caring for each other.

On behalf of all at Campion I wish you a joyful festive season and all the very best for 2018.

Claire Whitmore, Headteacher

PS. Buy a brick for Christmas! The opportunity to have your own personalised message engraved on a brick which will then be set into the very fabric of the school is still open. Make your mark, say thank you, remember friends and loved ones, or just share a memory or a message for future generations at Campion. All money raised will go towards the Campion Opportunity Fund. Please have a look at <https://campionsgoldenjubilee.co.uk/index.php> for further information.

Quiz

On Saturday February 10th 2018 in Pattishall Parish Hall we are holding yet another of our famous quizzes. Tables of 6 (if possible) supper included. £10 per head. To reserve/and to book your place, phone Wendy on 830583. Numbers are limited.



Make up a team come along for an evening of brainstorming and fun with our renowned quiz master Hilary Aslett. In aid of Holy Cross.



Winter Warmer Lunch

Join us on February 4th at 1.00 pm for our Winter Warmer Lunch at Holy Cross, where we will be entertained with live Dixieland Jazz!

Syncopated Jazz, an experienced band of 4 gents, playing trumpet, clarinet-saxophone, banjo and base saxophone will set toes tapping. They will be playing music from Bix Beiderbecke, Duke Ellington and popular music from the 20's and 30's.

Not to be missed! Tickets: £10 include lunch and 2 hours of entertaining music. Just what we need to cheer the spirits in February. Tickets from Gail 01327 831534, Wendy 01327 830583 or Jean 01327 830909.

Pattishall WI



Our monthly meetings are held in Pattishall Parish Hall, at 7-30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Light refreshments are served at each meeting.

Our meetings for the next three months....

December	13 th	<i>Christmas Social Evening</i>
January	10 th 2018	<i>New Year Quiz with Hilary Aslett</i>
February	14 th 2018	<i>Masquerade. History of Masks with Christine Farmer</i>

Please check local notice boards.

For further details please telephone one of the committee members

Sonia Barrett	07929 963976	(Pattishall/Fosters Booth)
Christine Downing	01327 830947	(Eastcote)
Jeanne Gulliford	01327 830519	(Eastcote)

We would be pleased to welcome you as a visitor or as a new member.

Pattishall Neighbourhood Watch



Important:

The NHW dedicated phone number 01604 888964 is being abandoned in the near future. Please phone **101**.

If calling on a mobile a call back service is now in place between 8am-4pm to prevent long waits during peak demand times. These calls will be extended in the near future.

Chief Inspector Ash Tuckley leads the staff within the Force Control Room at Wootton Hall and his responsibility is the efficiency and performance of the Force Control team in handling, evaluating and responding to 999 and 101 calls.

The focus is on improving the service on these two phone numbers using stricter more efficient emphasis on triage, risk assessment and priority levels. This has necessitated a review of the use of the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch phone number.

If you would like to receive up to date information on crime and suspicious incidents in our Parish - it is easily accessible by:

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| Joining our email loop | - Contact the Coordinator |
| Pattishall Parish Website | - There is a quick link to the NHW page |
| Facebook | - PattishallParishNeighbourhoodWatch |

Linda Hemming (NHW Coordinator)

linda_hemming@hotmail.com Tel 01327 830744

Pattishall Parish Hall Association Pattishall Playing Field Association



The hall roof should be completed by the end of November. Extra work has been undertaken with the replacement of the soffit and barge boards which extended the completion date. The new roof also has better insulation which will improve the energy efficiency of the building. The condition of the roof has been a concern for some time but was deemed essential when water came through the large hall ceiling. This work is costing approximately £55,000 and although we have had grants from Pattishall Parish Council, Garfield Weston and a donation the main contribution has come from the Hall Association's reserve funds which we will have

to replenish over the next few years. The committee thanks you for your support with our efforts in improving this facility. With completion of the roof nearly £300,000 will have been spent on maintaining and upgrading the hall since 2010.

Meanwhile the improvement to the car park, which is the responsibility of the Playing Field Association, is still on our agenda and we have a designated fund for this work. We have been able to spend money on improving the pavilion and the Cricket Club have given freely of their labour and time for this project.

As ever the fund raising continues but always with the idea that it should be for the community and to enjoy as a social occasion. The Quiz with Malcolm Baker was a great success again, the fish and chips were welcomed and the event raised £470.



Our traditional Bonfire and Firework event was organised by Mark Couling and proved very popular with a bumper attendance. The event raised a little under £1400. Thanks are due to Andrew Stratton for the firework display and the many helpers both inside and out for their support. The guy, supplied by the Youth Club, added to the bonfire. Let's have some more for next year please.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch will be held on Saturday 2nd December, a tradition that started in 1947 and has continued since then. Any Parish resident over the age of 60 is invited so please let Libby (830501) or Iris (830829) know if you wish to attend.

Our grand Christmas Draw will take place on 7th December, £50 first prize, so again please support us with buying a ticket.

We are fortunate to have the Parish Hall Association and the Playing Field Association, two separate charities, for the benefit of residents and in particular for future generations.

Look out for our events in 2018, and help us maintain these community facilities with your support.

Iris Illingworth

The Late John Darby

Valerie and family would like to thank many friends and neighbours for their cards and letters of sympathy sent to them in their sad loss. Also for coming to church, which helped us all through a sad and difficult time. The resulting money collected for the MacMillan Cancer Support raised in all £300. Thank you all.

Pattishall Youth Club

Youth Club continues to run during term time on a Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.45pm in Pattishall Parish Hall. Children from year 6 onwards are welcome, £1 per week with the first week free.

This term we have lots of activities planned including a climbing trip at Benham Sports Arena, Craft sessions, Sports activities, Bonfire Party, Guy Making and Mulled Wine xmas event (parents only!!).

If you have some free time and would like to volunteer to help with the group or want further information about Youth Club pop in and see us or call Debbie Randle 07854 085539 / Claire Mackintosh 07780 617920.

Pattishall & District Good Neighbours Club

Here we are at the end of another good year comprising of good speakers, good entertainment, two good outings, and of course very good fellowship.

We finished our programme in November with a return visit by Steven Dimmer who entertained us with "A portrait of Victoria Wood" – an afternoon very much enjoyed by all.

In December we shall wind up the year with our Christmas Lunch at the Saracens Head in Towcester.

Our membership has remained good this year despite a few members moving away and very sadly one or two being 'Promoted to Glory'.

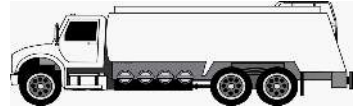
Next year's programme is now complete and looks every bit as interesting and exciting starting in January with Tony Noble telling us of his experience as a butler on the Royal Yacht and in February Roy Smart tells us about Amy Johnson, Queen of the Air. So if you are 50 or over, or retired why not make a New Year resolution to come along to one of our meetings and hopefully join us. You will be made most welcome.

Our programme for the year can always be found on the Pattishall Parish web site and of course details of forthcoming meetings are included in the Diary Page of Around Pattishall.

Our committee join me in wishing you all, members and non- members, a Peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Alan White, 01327 830892

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Free help with Pet Care

Pattishall Pet Sitting is offering FREE help to the local elderly in and around Pattishall with pet care.

Pets are great company especially for those living alone. Do you live locally and would love to adopt a cat or dog but worried you won't be able to do everything by yourself?

If you're usually able to walk a dog but on occasion find it hard due to injury, illness or adverse weather

If you're worried you may have to spend time away from home for hospital visits

If you don't drive and worry how you might get your pet to the vets for check ups

Don't let that stop you from adopting one of the beautiful cats or dogs from our local charities. I am here to help you out. No one should be lonely when there are so many dogs and cats out there begging for a home and someone to love them.

Contact Kim at Pattishall Pet Sitting on 01327 831519 or 07425 837306 or pattishallps@gmail.com or find me on Facebook.

Around Pattishall - Help Wanted

I'm looking for a volunteer to distribute Around Pattishalls to houses along School Road. If interested please contact Andy Stewart (see front cover for contact details).

Upper Nene Villages U3A Group



The U3A – the University of the Third Age – aims to stimulate educational and recreational activities among the retired or otherwise not fully-employed, from middle-age onwards, country-wide. This friendly local group meets at Bugbrooke Sports and Community Centre, usually on the third Monday of the month at 2.00pm, and non-members are welcome as guests.

There are also 'Special Interest' groups that meet regularly, including Classics for Pleasure, Genealogy, Intermediate German, Book/Jigsaw Exchange, Literature, Luncheon Club, My Kind of Music, Photography, Play Reading and Scrabble.

Future events:

Monday 11 December at 2.00pm – 'Behind the Scenes at Milton Keynes Theatre'. An illustrated look behind the scenes at a modern theatre.

Monday 15th January – 'The First World War POW Camp at Eastcote House' by Peter Stratton. The story of a little-known local camp, the existence of which no evidence now remains.

Monday 19th February – 'The Moon Field and The Silk Factory' by Judith Allnatt. A local novelist describes her research for two books, one set locally in Weedon.

Enquiries to 01327-340954 or visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/upper-nene>

An evening of Christmas Carols and Music featuring the Consensio Choir

St Mary's Church, Easton Neston near Towcester.
Sunday 3 December 2017 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Come and start the festive season with a delightful evening singing Christmas carols and listening to Christmas music, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

St Mary's is the ecclesiastical Parish Church of Hulcote, within the Tove Benefice. It is hidden away in parkland, close by Easton Neston house. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to visit a 13th century church which is rarely open to the public, and boasts 18c box pews.

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TOWCESTER MUSEUM

A Victorian Christmas

Saturday 9th December, 10am - 4pm

The volunteers and trustees of Towcester Museum warmly invite you to our magical Victorian-themed Christmas celebration, which will be held on Saturday 9th December from 10am - 4pm.

Entry to the Victorian Christmas as well as **'The Towcester Story'** and the **'Old Railway Exhibition'** will be **FREE all day!**

You will be merrily welcomed into the museum by the wonderful Towcester Studio Band who will be playing Christmas carols. The museum will be decorated traditionally and our volunteers dressed beautifully in period costume, so that you can experience the charm of a Victorian Christmas.

We will be serving mulled wine, wassail punch and our locally brewed heritage ales as well as a selection of festive treats, including mince pies, sugar plums and our Christmas fudge.

Our strict headmistress will be running a craft workshop for children to make Victorian-style Christmas crackers or tree decorations in our Victorian classroom, complete with chalkboards and authentic finger stocks.

Christmas soaps and candles made using Victorian methods as well interesting books, yummy treats and children's gifts will be available to buy from our shop, so that you can find the perfect Christmas present.

The next Quiz will be held at
Cold Higham Village Hall on

Saturday 9th December 2017
at 7:30 for 8:00

Teams of 6 (approx)

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER A
TEAM PLEASE CONTACT Gill on
830990 or Michele on 830040

Hot food will be provided
(just bring your own drinks)

More details and costs will be
available nearer the date

Come along and meet friends and
neighbours



Pattishall Parish Hall
Saturday 27th Jan.
2-4.30pm

Join us for Messy Church

Messy Church is for all the family -
Mums, Dads, Grandparents and
Children of all ages. For two hours
there will be crafts and activities that
adults and children can do together
based on a biblical theme, a time of
sharing with a prayer and a song, and
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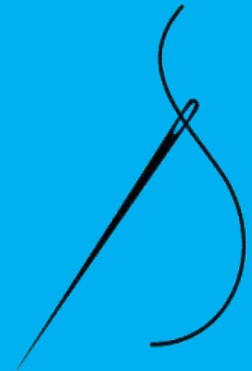
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THE WELL GROUP

Meeting at Astcote Methodist Church

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The Well Group is a small friendly group of Christian women who meet monthly to have chat over lunch and enjoy short talks on a variety of topics. Anyone is welcome, so do come along and join us. More information from:

Alison : albrierley@btinternet.com
or Ann : 830907

THURSDAYS 12-2PM

No meeting in December

25th January

Liz Marriott:

Methodist Women in Britain

22nd February

Sarah Veness

Astcote Chapel and rooms are available to hire

The Chapel has seating for 50+ people with a small stage area. The upstairs room offers an ideal space for a small group to meet and the kitchen is well equipped in a smaller meeting room downstairs. Disabled access to ground floor.

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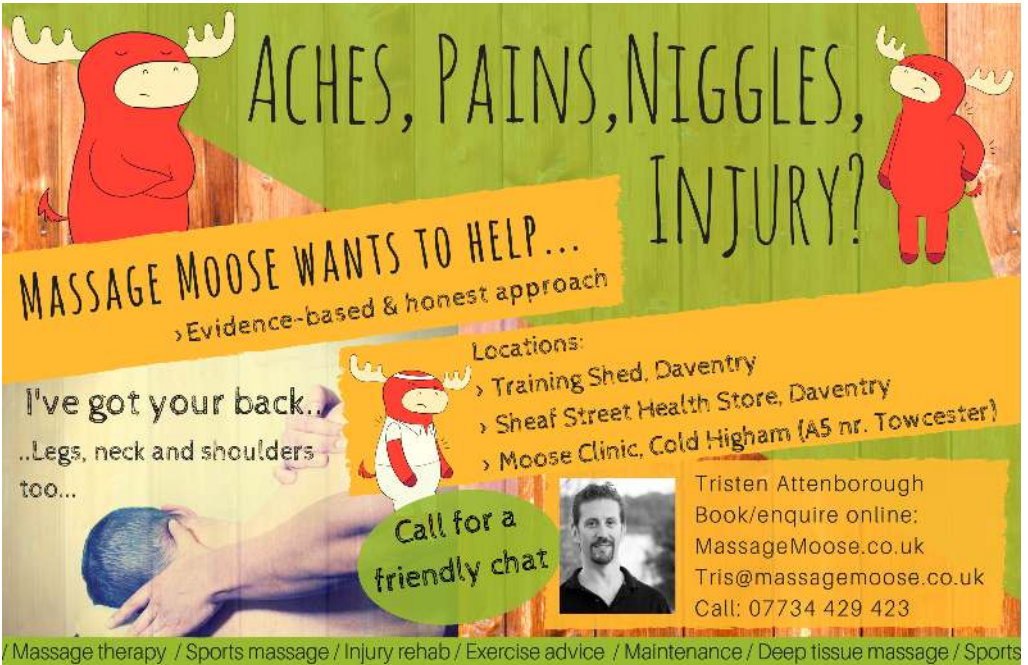
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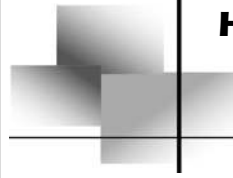
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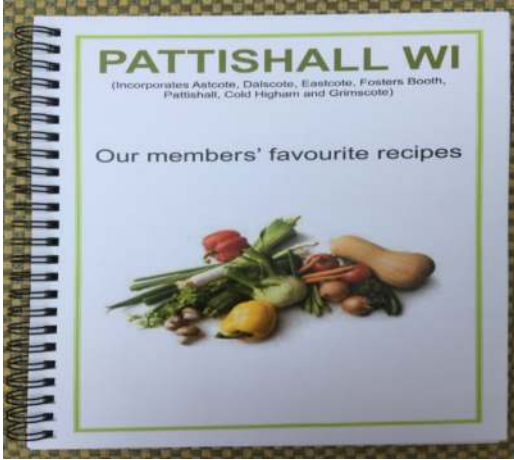


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Cold Higham Parish Council

The Council are looking for two volunteers to replace two councillors who, unfortunately, have to stand down for family reasons. Cllr Richard Dickins and Cllr Sue James have both given long and stalwart service to the Council, for which we are most grateful, but have now decided that they can no longer afford the time.

If YOU are a Cold Higham Parish resident, please will you consider offering to replace one of them? At present we have five councillors – four from Grimscote, one from Fosters Booth, but none from Cold Higham or Potcote. The PC work is not glamorous, but it is necessary for the quality of all our lives: getting the grass cut; ensuring the street lights work and the signs are maintained; keeping up the web site; representing the Parish on other bodies etc. It's rather like the washing up – no-one notices it until it isn't done! And it's equally essential. Please contact the Chairman or Clerk for further information, or just to chat through the idea. Thank you.

The Local Plan – planning policy up to 2029. Following the public meeting on 1 November, the PC submitted our comments on SNC's Local Plan "Preferred Options" paper on 7th November. The comments are on our web site.

Budget 2018/19. At its meeting on 16 November, the PC set its budget for the coming FY. This is now available on the web site.

Broadband in Grimscote. During the summer, Openreach erected a new 'green box' at the end of Mill Lane (Pattishall Cabinet 7). Information is hard to ascertain at the time of going to press, but this may give residents of Grimscote a better broadband connection soon. The PC is continuing to press for the promised much-needed improvements. Those interested can go to the following web site to get the latest information:

<https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre>



“The Battle’s Over” National Remembrance

November 2018. The Parish is registered to play its part in this national event. We will have one of the 1000 or more beacons to be lit across the country. We now need volunteers to help plan the activities. Please contact the chairman. Thank you.

Digby Carter, Chairman

01327 830521 or digby.carter@bopenworld.com

John Shurvinton lays the Cold Higham Parish wreath at the War Memorial at St Luke's church on Remembrance Sunday. The service was led by lay reader Sue Titheridge

Pattishall Parish Council

The council meets at 7:45 in the Parish Hall on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year, except for August when no meeting is scheduled. An agenda and draft minutes are available on the Pattishall Parish website (www.pattishallparish.org.uk) and all notice boards. Parishioners are very welcome to attend or contact one of the council members listed below, should they wish to raise a point but cannot be at the meeting in person.

The Parish Council

Roger Clarke (Chairman) rogerwas.clarkeltd@btinternet.com 01327 830509
Ann Addison (clerk) a.addison@btinternet.com 01604858226: *finance*
Barry Evans (Vice Chairman) sixpencesheep@aol.com 01327 830523:
Environment & Around Pattishall
David Keeble keeble855@btinternet.com: *grass cutting*
David Hodge 01327 830679: *highways*
Robert Hart roberthart885@btinternet.com 01327 830746: *maintenance*
Mark Mitton mbm@pwc.uk.net 01327 359400: *planning*
Rachel Gardner rachelwgardner@gmail.com 01327 831146: *school liaison*
Gabriel Abrahams gabriel.abrahams@btinternet.com 01327 830135: *lighting*

Should parishioners have a concern or require advice on any of the above then please contact the councillor concerned and/or Ann Addison, the parish clerk.

Red Lion Public House

The Parish Council have received a communication from The ClearView Planning Company, who are the agents acting on behalf of the owners (FMD LLP). They have produced a scheme whereby there is the possibility of retaining the Red Lion as a public house along with some dwellings on the present site. The Clerk will be in contact with Mr. Luntz from ClearView to invite him to the next parish council meeting on December 14th. If he can attend it will be the first item on the agenda at 7:45 pm. Once confirmed then notification will be posted on the parish website and notice boards.

Maintenance

An audit of stiles and footpaths is being undertaken and it is proposed that a programme of repair and maintenance will be carried out. Thank you to the residents of School Road for trimming back foliage that encroached on to the pavement and please would all residents who may have hedges etc. protruding on to public footpaths ensure that they are trimmed.

Highways

Suttons Walk is now hopefully pot hole free and some work has been undertaken on the Gayton Road in Dalscote. We have been informed that Church Street will be next on December 6th and School Road on December 20th. Someone, other than the council, has been marking pot holes with white paint. I'm sure they thought this was helpful, but sadly it has created confusion and so no more helpful white paint please!

New Homes Bonus

The council have allocated extra funds for the repair of The Parish Hall roof. Although the parish coffers are stretched, it was agreed that the Parish Hall is an integral part of our community and the council felt it important to support wholeheartedly the re-roofing project. Any organization or individual wishing to apply for funding should do so a month prior to the next parish council meeting so that an informed decision may be made.

Bus Service

There are concerns that NCC will be cutting or removing our local bus service. This is a vital aspect of village life, as not all households have transport and long gone is the village shop and other amenities.

Burial Costs

The council having reviewed burial costs and have made a modest increase in costs in line with other neighbouring parishes. Details available from the parish clerk.

Local Plan Two

The Local Plan Two consultation closed on December 10th. The parish council submitted their plans in June 2016 and the confines as defined by SNC were published in 2017. These parish confines were similar, but not exactly the same as to those submitted by your council. There were additions and subtractions which were implemented by SNC without consultation with the council and to date the parish council has been given no reasoning as to why such changes were made. In due course SNC will produce the definitive boundary changes after reviewing correspondence from interested parties received throughout the consultation period.

Street Lighting

As I write this report it is with great delight that all lights throughout the parish are working. Hooray, and long may E. ON remain on task! Many thanks to Gabriel Abraham whose remit on council is street lighting.

Defibrillator

The upkeep of the defibrillator, situated at the school, was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for replacement of pads and other essentials as the equipment was for use of the whole parish. The new Head, Mrs. Emma McLean, of Pattishall School joined us for the meeting and is keen that the school be a part of the community and thanked the council for their support.



Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP

It has been a busy year and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to Christmas in just a few short weeks. At the time of writing, I am reflecting on the recent Remembrance Day and our solemn commemorations of those who gave their lives for our freedom. This year as Leader of the House I was asked to be at the Cenotaph in London to honour the sons and daughters of parishes across the country who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to update residents on a few local matters.

One of the key local issues is, of course, the current construction of the Towcester Southern Expansion and the traffic problems for the town as well as the villages like Cold Higham and Pattishall along the A5. Watling Street continues to clog up with HGVs and other through- traffic; made worse with the recent incidents that have led to the closure of the M1. I recently met with the Roads Minister Jesse Norman MP in order to highlight the need for the relief road to be built as soon as possible. I am aware he is looking at what support he can give to speed up the process. I have assembled a working group – which includes myself, County and District councillors, Highway England, Northants Highways and the developers – with the aim of the relief road opening by the end of 2020 and removing HGVs from the centre of town. This has always been my goal, and I am determined that we achieve it.

Local healthcare is fundamental for our wellbeing, and the nearby GP services in Towcester are outstanding; there is rarely a long delay in getting an appointment. Following the fantastic news recently that the new Brackley Medical Centre has been given the go-ahead – with a range of outpatient services including x-ray facilities, a minor injuries unit and intermediate care beds – there is the opportunity for Towcester to do the same. I am working with our wonderful Towcester GPs as well as Nene Clinical Commission Group to explore what we can do to improve our already fantastic local services. Through the expansion of Towcester, there is the opportunity to increase the provision of outpatient services, making it easier for residents in the surrounding villages to access healthcare closer to home.

On broadband, all residences in Cold Higham and Pattishall should have superfast broadband available. If you have any specific concerns about broadband, let me know and I will look into it for you.

You may be aware that, each year since becoming your MP, I have employed a local school-leaver to join my team as an Apprentice Caseworker. This is a terrific opportunity for paid work whilst also gaining an NVQ in Business Administration, and I was delighted to welcome Emily from Sponne School in September. I will be starting to look for my 2018/19 Apprentice early in the New Year, so if you or someone you know might be interested please do get in touch with me!

As ever, I can always be reached via my constituency office in Towcester (01327 353 124) or via email at andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk, if anyone has any issues they would like to raise with me. You can book yourself in to see me at one of my regular advice surgeries in The Forum, and also keep up-to-date on local news via my website at www.andrealeadsom.com.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!



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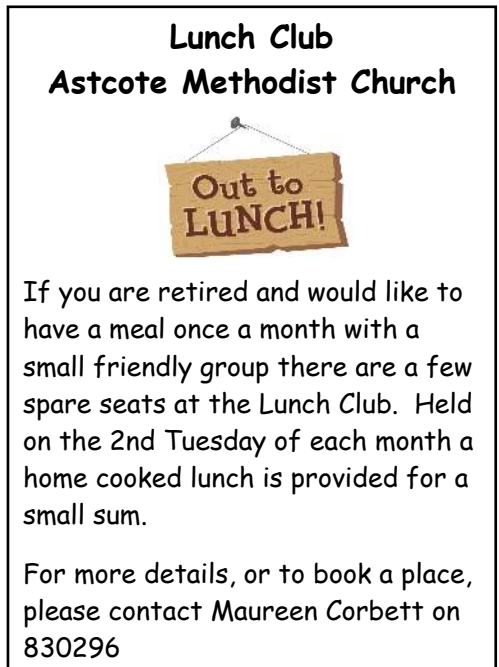
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Northampton Bus Interchange (Bay 19)	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:10	16:10	18:00	
Northampton, opp rail station approach road	09:13	11:13	13:13	14:13	16:13	18:03	
Sixfields, opp Sainsburys	09:18	11:18	13:18	14:18	16:18	18:08	
West Hunsbury, opp Ashpole Spinney	09:23	11:23	13:23	14:23	16:23	18:13	
Rothersthorpe, opp Kislingbury Road	09:26	11:26	13:26	14:26	16:26	18:16	
Gayton, opp Primary School						18:26	
Eastcote, opp Gayton Road	09:32	11:32	13:32		16:32	18:32	
Pattishall, opp The Beeches	09:34	11:34	13:34		16:34	18:34	
Fosters Booth, Royal India Restaurant	09:37	11:37	13:37	14:32	16:37	18:37	
Astcote, opp Sutton's Walk	09:40	11:40	13:40		16:40	18:40	
Duncote, adj Letter Box	09:44	11:44	13:44		16:44	18:44	
Greens Norton, adj School Lane	09:47	11:47	13:47		16:47	18:47	
Towcester, adj Wordsworth Close	09:51	11:51	13:51		16:51	18:51	
Towcester, opp Brave Old Oak PH	09:57	11:57	13:57		16:57	18:57	
Towcester, adj Senna Drive	10:02	12:02	14:02		16:59	18:59	
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Towcester, adj Northgate	10:08	12:08	14:08		17:05		

Towcester - Pattishall - Northampton

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Towcester, adj Northgate			10:08	12:08	14:08	17:05		
Towcester, o/s Brave Old Oak PH			10:11	12:11	14:11	17:08		
Towcester, opp Wordsworth Close			10:22	12:22	14:22	17:16		
Greens Norton, opp School Lane	07:20		10:25	12:25	14:25	17:19		
Duncote, opp Letter Box	07:23		10:28	12:28	14:28	17:22		
Astcote, adj Sutton's Walk	07:28		10:33	12:33	14:33	17:27		
Pattishall, opp The Beeches	07:30		10:35	12:35	14:35	17:29		
Fosters Booth, opp Royal India Restaurant	07:32		10:37	12:37	14:37	17:31		
Eastcote, adj Gayton Road	07:36		10:41	12:41	14:41	17:35		
Gayton, opp Primary School	07:39							
Rothersthorpe, adj Kislingbury Road	07:46	09:01	09:46	10:46	12:46	14:46	17:40	
West Hunsbury, adj Ashpole Spinney	07:50	09:05	09:50	10:50	12:50	14:50	17:44	
Sixfields, o/s Sainsburys	07:58	09:11	09:56	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:50	
Northampton, adj rail station approach road	08:03	09:16	10:01	11:01	13:01	15:01	17:55	
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January	<i>no service</i>
February 4th	Mr Stephen Spandl
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Sunday Services, 10.30am. Services are generally informal. Family Services on the 3rd Sunday in the month but families with children are welcome at any service and activities for children are always available. Refreshments served after all services.

Lunch Club For the elderly or retired on the second Tuesday in the month. Please contact Maureen Corbett on 830296 if you are interested.

Well Group 12-2pm Ladies group meet monthly for lunch followed by a speaker. Contact Alison Brierley on 830770 to book a seat.

December - no meeting

25th January - Liz Marriott - Methodist Women in Britain

22nd February - Sarah Veness

Flowers can be placed in the Chapel on Sundays to celebrate an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Kate Stretton 830115.

Family Services 45 minute service for all the family on the 3rd Sunday in the month. Refreshments served after the service: All welcome.

17th December 21st January 18th February

Christmas Services & Events:

Christmas Cracker Sat 16th December 2-4.30pm – Workshop for Primary School children concluding with Nativity & Carols in the Barn for all the family. Booking Essential as numbers limited, contact John Atkin on 830907

Advent Family Service Sunday 17th December 10.30am led by Norma Baxter

Christmas Eve 4.30pm Candlelit Service led by Rev Romeo Pedro

Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration led by John Atkin

Christmas Offerings will be for the Northampton Night Shelter for the Homeless

Other Events:

Messy Church Saturday 27th January 2-4.30pm at Pattishall Parish Hall

An Evening of Music with Sara Spade, Astcote Chapel Friday 23rd Feb 7.30pm

Praying for the Community

There is 'Prayer Box' on the wall outside the Chapel. This is for any member of our Community to be able to drop in the name of someone they would like us to pray for. We don't need to know the details, just a first name is sufficient. That person will be included in our time of prayer on the following Sunday.

In addition, at 9.30am on the first Sunday of the month, there will be a half hour of prayer specifically for the Community. Anyone may join us for a time of quiet or simple spoken prayer. Our normal 10.30am service will follow after a cuppa.

The Parishes of Holy Cross Pattishall and St Luke, Cold Higham

Date	Time	Service	Church
3 rd Dec	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
7 th Dec	6:00pm	Advent Carols	Pattishall
	11:00am	Advent course	Hugh & Hilary's
10 th Dec	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	5:30pm	Carol Service	Gayton
14 th Dec	11:00am	Advent course	Hugh & Hilary's
17 th Dec	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	3:30pm	Carol Service	Tiffield
	6:00pm	Carol Service	Cold Higham
21 st Dec	11:00am	Advent course	Hugh & Hilary's
24 th Dec	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	3:00pm	Crib Service + HC	Pattishall
25 th Dec	9.15am	Family Communion	Pattishall
	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Family Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
31 st Dec	9:30am	Benefice Communion	Tiffield
7 th Jan	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
14 th Jan	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
21 st Jan	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
27 th Jan	8:30am	Benefice Prayer Breakfast	Holmview
28 th Jan	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
4 th Feb	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
11 th Feb	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
14 th Feb	10:00am	Ash Wednesday Communion	Pattishall
18 th Feb	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
24 th Feb	8:30am	Benefice Prayer Breakfast	???
25 th Feb	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham

DIARY

December

- 2nd Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, Pattishall Parish Hall
- 3rd Christmas Craft Workshop, Holy Cross, 2pm
- 6th Gardening Club: *Quiz & Mince Pies*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 7th Good Neighbours: Christmas Lunch, Saracens Head, Towcester
- 7th Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 9th Quiz, Cold Higham Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm
- 13th Hansons Antiques Valuations Day, Cold Higham Hall, 11am-3pm
- 13th Pattishall WI: *Christmas Social Evening*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 16th Christmas Cracker workshop for children, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-4.30pm
- 20th End of Pattishall School term

January

- 4th Start of Pattishall School term
- 4th Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 10th Pattishall WI: *New Year Quiz with Hilary Aslett*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 11th Good Neighbours: *Life as a Butler on the Royal Yacht*, Patt. Parish Hall, 1.45pm
- 11th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 18th Cold Higham Parish Council Meeting, CH Village Hall
- 25th Well Group Ladies meeting, Astcote Methodist Church, 12 noon
- 27th Messy Church, Pattishall Parish Hall, 2-4.30pm
- 31st Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm

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- 1st Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 4th Winter Warmer Lunch at Holy Cross, Pattishall
- 7th Gardening Club: *The work of the Woodland Trust*, Patt. Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 8th Good Neighbours: *Amy Johnson Queen of the Air*, Pattishall Hall, 1.45pm
- 8th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 9th End of Pattishall School term
- 10th Quiz in Pattishall Parish Hall. In aid of Holy Cross
- 14th Pattishall WI: *Masquerade - History of Masks*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 19th Start of Pattishall School term
- 22nd Well Group Ladies meeting, Astcote Methodist Church, 12 noon
- 23rd An Evening with Sara Spade, Astcote Chapel, 7.30pm
- 28th Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm



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